

Remarks/Arguments:

The October 18, 2006 Office Action requires an election between Group I, claims 1-5, Group II, claim 8, or Group III, claims 6-7, and 9-19. Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to an insertion device and method of engaging the insertion device to an implant, classified in class 606, subclass 104. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is generic to each of the pending claims, and therefore, withdrawn claims 6-19 should be allowed upon allowance of generic claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

If the examiner believes an interview, either personal or telephonic, will advance the prosecution of this application, it is respectfully requested that the examiner contact the undersigned to arrange the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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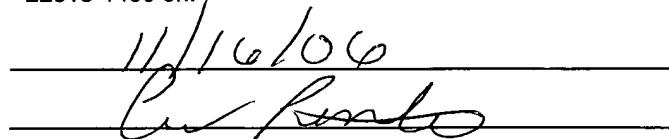
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